

Docket No. 218162US0X

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mechthild RIEPING, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/076,416

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION OF L-AMINO ACIDS USING STRAINS OF THE ENTEROBACTERIACEAE FAMILY



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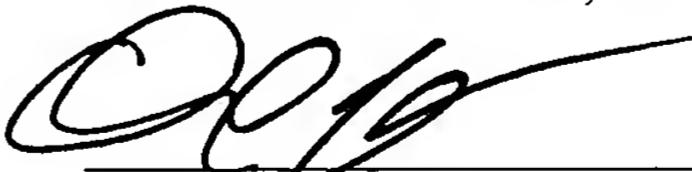
No additional fee is required
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
 Additional documents filed herewith: Information Disclosure Statement; PTO 1449; (2) References English translation of U.S. Provisional Serial No. 60/248,210 w/Verification
Attached to the response: Wang, et al., J. Biol. Chem., 266(17): 10959-10966
Substitute Abstract

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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"Verfahren zur fermentativen Herstellung von L-Aminosäuren unter Verwendung von Stämmen der Familie Enterobacteriaceae"

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